

2019 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS)

Summary of Changes

The following changes were made with the release of the 2019 AWTS estimates:

Changes to Estimates

- AWTS estimates were revised to reflect historical corrections to current sample data. Corrections are made to replace previously reported data with more accurate data received at a later date or to replace imputed data with reported data obtained from the company.
- AWTS estimates were revised to reflect benchmarking to the final results of the 2017 Economic Census. For additional information, refer to the Benchmarking section of the AWTS methodology link located below:

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/awts/technical-documentation/methodology.html>

- AWTS estimates were revised for NAICS code 4231 and the manufacturers' sales branches and offices component of NAICS code 4244 to reflect revisions to the 2012 Economic Census. The corresponding aggregate totals were revised as well. For the merchant wholesalers, except manufacturers' sales branches and offices, piece of NAICS code 4231, AWTS estimates were revised for 2008 through the present. For manufacturers' sales branches and offices, AWTS estimates for NAICS codes 4231 and 4244 were revised for 2002 through the present.
- Detailed expense estimates for 2017 (Table 5.1), collected as part of the Business Expenses Supplement (BES) to the 2017 AWTS, and the corresponding measures of sampling variability (Table 5.1A) were revised to reflect benchmarking to the final results of the 2017 Economic Census.